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Applicant:	KNUDSON ET AL.	Examiner:	UNKNOWN
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Title:	GASTRO-ESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE (GERD) TREATMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the item listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of the document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that the reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference is not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that the reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of the reference is intended.

Consideration of the item listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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